CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CITY COUNCIL
DESIGNATE AS A CITY LANDMARK
KEM WEBER BUILDING
1301-1303 A STATE STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
APN 039-131-013, 039-131-014, and 039-131-015

RESOLUTION 2017-5

MAY 3, 2017

WHEREAS, Section 22.22.050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Barbara grants the Historic Landmarks Commission the authority to initiate a designation process to recommend to the City Council the designation as a City Landmark of any structure, natural feature, site, or area having historic, architectural, archaeological, cultural or aesthetic significance;

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2017, the Historic Landmarks Commission adopted Resolution of Intention 2017-5 to hold a public hearing to consider a recommendation to City Council for designation of the Kem Weber building located at 1301-03 A State Street as a City Landmark;

WHEREAS, the Staff Report and the Historic Structures/Sites Report accepted by the HLC in 2010 found the property meets six City Landmark criteria listed in section 22.22.040 of the Municipal Code and concluded that the Kem Weber building, constructed in 1951 in the Streamline Moderne style by internationally recognized industrial designer Kem Weber, is significant for its historical and architectural influence on the heritage of the City;

WHEREAS, the Streamline Moderne building is one of the few of this style in Santa Barbara and has retained a high level of historical integrity as its location, setting, association, footprint, design, materials, and workmanship have not been altered so that it conveys its original 1951 appearance;

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary of the City Landmark is the three parcels that make up the three separate storefronts of the building and the original neon signage as a character-defining feature of the building;

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article 19, Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and the City List of Activities Determined to Qualify for a Categorical

Exemption (City Council Resolution Dated November 10, 1998), staff has determined that designation of the Live Oak Dairy as a City Landmark is eligible for a Categorical Exemption;

WHEREAS, Section 22.22.050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Barbara states that the City Council may designate as a Landmark any structure, natural feature, site, or area having historic, architectural, archeological, cultural, or aesthetic significance by adopting a resolution of designation within 90 days following receipt of a recommendation from the Historic Landmarks Commission; and

WHEREAS, in summary, the Historic Landmarks Commission finds that the Kem Weber building at 1301-1303 A State Street meets the following City Landmark criteria listed in section 22.22.040 of the Municipal Code:

A. Its character, interest or value as a significant part of the heritage of the City, the State or the Nation;

D. Its exemplification of a particular architectural style or way of life important to the City, the State, or the Nation;

E. Its exemplification of the best remaining architectural type in a neighborhood;

F. Its identification as the creation, design or work of a person or persons whose effort has significantly influenced the heritage of the City, the State, or the Nation;

G. Its embodiment demonstrating outstanding attention to architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship; and

I. Its unique location or singular physical characteristic representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on May 3, 2017, the Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of Santa Barbara hereby recommends to the City Council that it designate the Kem Weber building located at 1301-1303 A State Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 039-131-013, 039-131-014, and 039-131-015, as a City Landmark and makes findings based on the historic and cultural significance of facts presented in the Staff Report.

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Adopted: